



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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De Colores!

Welcome New Pilgrims

Women's Walk #1674, September 20-23, 2012

Camp Young Judaea

Ann Abell
Umpy Bechtol
Dene Coles
Barbara Cox
Carolyn Estes
Amy Feser
Chloe Forrest
Deb Gerow

Sue Hill
Carol Howard
Christina Jones
Mary Pat Jordan
Mary Kurlak
Molly McDonald
Sandra McDonald
Bonnie Moore
Jeanne O'Dell

Becky Paz
Stephanie Rodriguez
Gayle Rolland
Sarah Senn
Anna Swisher
Catherine Waggoner
Kazuko White
Liz Willingham



2013 Austin Sponsored Walks

Men's Walk # 1690	Feb. 7-10, 2013	Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley
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Monte Marshall, Spiritual Director		
Jack Foreman, Board Rep.		contact: jcforeman@sbcglobal.net
Kathy Shaw, ST Coordinator		contact: kathyshaw@swbell.net
Women's Walk # 1707	May 2-5, 2013	Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley
Susan Curtis, Lay Director		contact: curtis@prismnet.com
Judy Baskin, Spiritual Director		
Diane Merwarth, Board Rep.		contact: dianemerwarth@att.net
Sherry Wilkison, ST Coordinator		contact: rwilkison@austin.rr.com
Women's Walk # 1720	Sept. 26-29, 2013	Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley
Men's Walk # 1730	Oct. 24-27, 2013	Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley



Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group

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Visit the Greater Austin Emmaus
4th Day Group Website:
<http://www.austinemmaus.org>



The Walk Talk Deadline is on the 20th of each month!

Please send your articles, Community Opportunities, 4th Day Stories, Group appreciation and reflections to Gina Franklin 12905 Irongate Ave., Austin, TX 78727; or email to franklingdom@gmail.com

Were You There?

Have you been going to the monthly Gathering?

Why not?!?!?!?

They are normally on the first Thursday of each month. Childcare is available at all Gatherings! Check out the gathering schedule on the last page!

We'll be looking for you!

A word from the Lay Director

We have just completed the 2012 Walks and there are many pilgrims that are eager to serve in Emmaus. As a result we receive many inquiries on how to go about serving Christ through Emmaus. In this article of the *Walk Talk*, the Board of Directors provides some guidance in how to go about serving in Emmaus.

Serving Christ Through Emmaus

A frequent question of Pilgrims who have been on their Walk is “***How can I help and serve in Emmaus?***” This is understandable given that servanthood is on display on every Walk, and Pilgrims want to be a part of it!

It is important to remember that Walks are designed to make ***believers into disciples*** and through their discipleship to strengthen and build up the churches they attend. Emmaus depends on the Emmaus Community to volunteer and serve. Without it, Emmaus could not survive. If you want to serve in Emmaus, there are ***many ways*** to get involved, and we welcome you!

For those Pilgrims who want to serve on a ***Conference Room Team***, we have suggestions on how to accomplish that goal. The more active you are in Emmaus, the greater the chance is for you to be selected. The following ***tips*** will help you in not only being selected to serve on a Conference Room Team, but will act to foster your overall desire to serve and also support ***Christ*** through ***Emmaus***.

There are only 2 absolute requirements to be selected to serve on a Conference Room Team for a Walk to Emmaus:

- Attend a Walk to Emmaus, Chrysalis Flight, Chrysalis Journey, or similar approved 3-day weekend as a Pilgrim and
- Submit a Team Application.

However, the Upper Room and the Southwest Texas Community Emmaus Board strongly recommend that a person serve on a Servant Team before serving on a Conference Room Team. Therefore the Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group (GAE4DG) strongly recommends that your first team service be on a Servant Team.

Helpful tips on How to be Selected to Serve on an Emmaus Conference Room Team:

1. Submit a Team Application at http://www.austinemmaus.org/team_app.php
 - if you have never submitted a Team Application
 - if you have changed your address
 - if you have changed your telephone number
 - if you have changed your church
 - if you have changed your Reunion Group or Reunion Group status
 - if you have served on an Emmaus team in another 4th Day Group (service on a GAE4DG-sponsored Walk is automatically added to our master database)
 - if it has been more than one year since you submitted your last application
2. Be active in a Reunion Group (keeps you focused on Christ's calling for you)
3. Attend Gatherings (shows active support of the Emmaus community; public invited)
4. Attend Candlelights (a wonderful way to bless others, and yourself)
5. Attend Welcome Backs (hear and catch the excitement! public invited)
6. Sponsor a Pilgrim (no Sponsors—no Pilgrims—no Walk)
7. Serve on a Candlelight Team for Saturday afternoon and evening - simply contact the Servant Team Coordinator for a Walk
8. Serve on a Servant Team for the entire weekend (this is always a critical need) - simply contact the Servant Team Coordinator for a Walk
9. Volunteer to be part of a Prayer Vigil (www.mysignup.com/walk####prayer)
10. Volunteer to provide Agape for a Walk (www.mysignup.com/walk####agape)
11. Volunteer to be on a Team Selection Committee
12. Volunteer to be one of the Coordinators for the GAE4DG (Community Letters, Database, Food/Gift Agape, Music, Prayer Vigil, and WalkTalk Editor)

See you on the Walk!

Gary Johnson

Lay Director, Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group

Potential Sponsors!

Please give prayerful consideration to who you might sponsor for the upcoming 2013 walks! It is never too early to sponsor a pilgrim. So get busy finding the your pilgrim candidate, pray pray pray, discuss the walk with them, and get the their applications in to the SWTX Emmaus Registrar to fill these walks.

Don't forget that the Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group has 1/3 scholarships available, download the form at <http://www.austinemmaus.org/reg.php>. Also check with your local church for other scholarship opportunities. Do not let cost stand in the way of a potential pilgrim, talk to your board members on ways to help.

Mark 10:17-31

We must begin this text understanding that the man 's initial question is flawed. He asks, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Of course the answer is, "Nothing." There is nothing he can do or we can do; it is only what Christ was about to do for the people of that time and what he has done for us. There are no frequent flyer miles that can be earned.

The man is not interested in pleasing God, growing spiritually or pursuing the truth. He figures he has a firm grip on this life and he wants to ensure the next.

How is it with us? We in our culture today are affluent by world standards, most are educated and we possess much more than we really need. In some sense many of us live sheltered lives. Our suffering has been minimal; we have faced few injustices; we live in a world of simple answers and over-simplified theology. God, just tell me what you need and I'll write you a check. As Pogo said, "We have met the enemy and he is us."

Gracious God, help us in our affluence to understand that there is no price on salvation. Forgive our shallow thoughts and help us to respond to your grace in Jesus Christ. Amen.

De Colores! Gerard Kern

Have a Happy Thanksgiving

Volunteers Needed!

Want to support the Emmaus Community and earn some money at the same time?

We are looking for people who love children and want to help provide child care for Candlelight. You will be paid \$40 for your service. We provide the place, activities, snacks, and the children.

If interested, please contact Bob Callison at 512-345-4796 or bobbycallison@swbell.net

Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group - Board of Directors Meeting
Bethany United Methodist Church
Thursday, September 6, 2012

The following were in attendance: Gary Johnson-Lay Director, Anne Rioux-Asst. Lay Director, Cheryl Broome, Spiritual Director, Debby Duplantis-Treasurer, Jim Burgess-Member Support, Tom Rioux-4th Day Board Representative, Sandy Brooks-Immediate Past Lay Director, Bobby Callison-Walk Support, Myles McKemie-Gathering Support, and Bob Duplantis.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Gary Johnson. Cheryl Broome offered the opening prayer. The minutes from the August 2012 BOD meeting was read. Tom Rioux moved to accept the minutes, and Debby Duplantis seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

A follow-up discussion ensued about possible cooperation between GAE4DG and Hays Praise 4th Day Group to supply walks with walk leadership and/or pilgrims. Sandy Brooks and Spiritual Director Cheryl Broome advised they are still working on discussions with Hays Praise Leadership.

Bob Duplantis made a special request regarding informing the community about reunion groups. Myles McKemie made a motion seconded by Debby Duplantis: Add to Lay Director responsibilities that if Walk Conference Room team members are not active in a reunion group, the Lay Director should encourage the team to become active; add listings of open reunion groups which Conference Room Team members attend in the Walk roster and in the master GAE4DG database; emphasize the sponsor's responsibility to help a new member find a reunion group. The motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Treasurer Debby Duplantis advised Walk 1644 outstanding fees have not resolved. Bobby Callison moved to transfer the remaining funds from the general fund to the walk fund to close the matter. Gary Johnson seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Bobby Callison moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Anne Rioux seconded it and the motion carried unanimously.

Bobby Callison moved that the Board approve an update to the sponsor packet to the web page. Gary Johnson seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Bobby Callison also moved to add the "Welcome to Emmaus" letter to the closing packets for a walk. Myles McKemie seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. A discussion ensued about looking for a new source for candlelight candles. Bobby Callison advised the Welcome Back for Walk 1674 would be held at Bethany UMC on Thursday, September 27 at 6:30 PM. Derly Tijerina has set the Welcome Back for Walk 1686 for Tuesday, October 30 at Tarrytown UMC.

The 2013 Walk dates are February 7-10 (Men's Walk 1690, LD George Tolleson, SD Monte Marshall, BR Jack Foreman), May 2-5 (Women's Walk 1707, LD Susan Curtis, SD Judy Baskin, BR Diane Merwarth), September 26-29 (Women's Walk 1720), and October 24-27 (Men's Walk 1730).

A discussion ensued about finding sandwich boards to help the community find Candlelight. Bob Duplantis will check with Bar Twito at Camp Young Judaea about restrictions in the neighborhood. The Board also discussed sending Walk Prayer Vigils around early at Gatherings during singing to be sure they all got filled in. Gary Johnson moved that Bobby Callison would add more posters costing up to \$200 to market Walks. Tom Rioux seconded and the Board approved the motion unanimously.

Tom Rioux reported that the Team selection meeting for Walk 1707 would be held at Westlake UMC on Saturday, September 8 at 3 PM. A discussion ensued about Tom Rioux's suggested "Tips on How to Become a Member of a Conference Room Team" that he add an introductory paragraph and number the bullet points. Tom Rioux will follow up on the SWTC recommendations on # of hours of Servant Team experience that would count as a qualifying amount for Lay Director track. Tom will also further review Walk Lay Director, Board Representative and Servant Team Coordinator responsibilities.

Other reports:

Myles McKemie confirmed the following:

Kellye Noret would be the Fourth Day speaker at the September 6, 2012 Gathering.

Tarrytown UMC will host the October 4, 2012 Gathering which will include the commissioning of the team for Walk 1686.

Westlake UMC will host the November 1, 2012 Gathering.

Parker Lane UMC will host the December 6, 2012 Gathering.

First UMC Pflugerville will host the January 3, 2013 Gathering which will include the commissioning of the team for Walk 1690.

Additional dates for Gatherings for the first half of 2013 are February 14 (2nd Thursday), March 7, April 4, and May 9 (2nd Thursday).

Jim Burgess advised he moderates messages via Yahoo Groups, and he is working with Bud Broeker on GAE4DG communication systems.

There were 187 people in attendance at the September 2012 Gathering.

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Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

Singing at 7:00 p.m., Worship at 7:30 p.m., Agape Feast Following

2012 Gatherings

November 2012

Thursday, November 1, 2012
Westlake UMC
1460 Redbud Trail

December 2012

Thursday, December 6, 2012
Parker Lane UMC
2105 Parker Lane



Reminder:

Childcare Services are available
at all Gatherings.

2013 Gatherings

January 2013

Thursday, January, 2013
First UMC Pflugerville
500 East Pecan Street
Team #1690 Commissioning

February 2013

Thursday, February 14, 2013

March 2013

Thursday, March 7, 2013

April 2013

Thursday, April 4, 2013

May 2013

Thursday, May 9, 2013

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